

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-57 (canceled).

58 (new). A pivotable binding system mounted between a sports device extending in a longitudinal direction and a tread surface of a sport shoe, which comprises

- (a) a single binding element consisting of a lever ,
- (b) a first hinge mechanism joining one end of the binding lever to a front end of the tread surface, the first hinge mechanism including a first pivot axis extending substantially perpendicularly to a vertical plane extending in the longitudinal direction,
- ©) a body integral with or affixed to the sports device and rollingly supporting the front end of the tread surface for gliding on a rolling track of the body along an arcuately curved rolling path for displacing the front end of the tread surface towards the sports device,
- (d) a second hinge mechanism joining an end of the binding lever opposite the one end to the body rollingly supporting the front end of the tread surface, the second hinge mechanism including a second, stationary pivot axis

extending substantially perpendicularly to a vertical plane extending in the longitudinal direction, the first pivot axis being on a higher level than the second pivot axis, and being pivotable along the curved rolling path about the stationary pivot axis from an initial rest position to a displaced position.

59 (new). The pivotable binding system of claim 58, further comprising an energy storage device connected to at least one of the hinge mechanism and biased against an upward pivoting movement of a heel end of the tread surface relative to the sports device.

60 (new). The pivotable binding system of claim 59, wherein the energy storage device is a coil spring.

61 (new). The pivotable binding system of claim 58, wherein the body rollingly supporting the front end of the tread surface defines a recess housing a predominant portion of the lever, and a stop element in the recess restricts the pivoting movement of the lever about the stationary pivot axis.

62 (new). The pivotable binding system of claim 58, wherein the first hinge mechanism is releasably joined to the front end of the tread surface.

63 (new). The pivotable binding system of claim 58, wherein the lever extends substantially parallel to the tread surface in the displaced position, and a line connecting the first and second pivot axes encloses an acute angle with a horizontally extending plane.